

The Boston Tea Party & the Boston Massacre

Directions: Follow the directions below to research the Boston Tea Party and the Boston Massacre. When you are done researching, use what you have learned to create a piece of political propaganda from the point of view of a Patriot (a colonist who supports revolution) or a loyalist (a colonist who wishes to remain loyal to England). When you are done, you will present your piece of propaganda to the class.

The Boston Massacre

Go to the following web sites. Read the article and watch the video clip found on each website. Use the information found on those sites to answer the following questions.

Boston Massacre article: <http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/the-boston-massacre>

Boston Massacre Video: <http://www.history.com/topics/american-revolution/boston-massacre>

- 1) What date did the Massacre take place? _____
- 2) According to the article, the colonists were protesting the presence of British soldiers in Boston. Why were the British soldiers there? _____
- 3) Were the British soldiers found innocent or guilty of murder? _____
- 4) Who defended the British soldiers in court? _____

The Boston Tea Party

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Boston Tea Party Video: <http://www.history.com/topics/american-revolution/american-revolution-history/videos/the-sons-of-liberty-and-the-boston-tea-party>

- 1) What date did the Tea Party take place? _____
- 2) The article gives two reasons why King George III would want to tax the colonies. What are those two reasons?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
- 3) British tea was cheaper than other tea sold in the colonies. According to the article, why did the colonists not want to buy British tea? _____

- 4) Why were the colonists very careful not to harm the British ships while throwing the tea into Boston Harbor? _____

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Making Propaganda

Use what you have learned to make a piece of revolutionary propaganda about either the Tea Party or the Massacre. You can make your propaganda from either the point of view of a patriot or a loyalist. It should be obvious which side you are supporting. Your piece of propaganda can be either a political cartoon, a short speech that does not exceed one page, or a newspaper article. When you are done, you will present your piece of propaganda to the class! Your piece of propaganda is worth 15 points.

Grading Requirements

Political Cartoon

- 1) Is your point of view obvious? 5 points
- 2) Does your cartoon include details that show that you understand your event? 5 points
- 3) Is it neat and organized? 5 points

Speech

- 1) Is your point of view obvious? 5 points
- 2) Are your claims supported by historical evidence? 5 points
- 3) Is your speech logical and organized? 5 points

Newspaper Article

- 1) Is your point of view obvious? 5 points
- 2) Are your claims supported by historical evidence? 5 points
- 3) Is your speech logical and organized? 5 points